

**B) Remarks:**

Applicant has canceled withdrawn claims 7 - 13.

It is noted that claims 1 and 14 are objected to for certain informalities. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for pointing out these informalities and claims 1 and 14 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner suggests the insertion of term “, mixed” following “crushed” in claim 1 and the insertion of the term “, mixing” after “crushing” in claim 14. However, the specification provides no support for the term “mixing”. The specification indicates that the thermocouple wires are inserted into the openings provided in the chip and that by crushing the chip it is thereby deformed such that the chip and thermocouple wires “unite”. Accordingly, it is believed that the insertion of the term “mixing” would be inappropriate.

Instead, Applicant has elected to insert the terminology that the combination is crushed and “thereby” unite the chip and thermocouple wires together. Because of the properties of the chip and the thermocouple, the crushing procedure unites them.

Accordingly, the foregoing amendments place claims 1 - 6 and 14 - 20 in condition for allowance and therefore Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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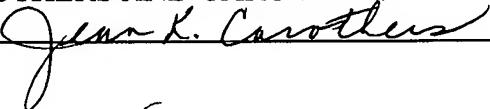


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